August 3, 2021

Dear Commissioner Reynders,

The Atlantic Council’s Europe Center is pleased to invite you to a private high-level conversation over dinner with Apple. This dinner will take place in Brussels at 19:00 hrs on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in accordance with Belgian COVID-19 guidelines. We will confirm the centrally located venue with all registered participants.

The ever-accelerating integration of technology with not just our national infrastructures and commercial activities but also with our individual lives and even democracies continue to pose fundamental questions for the tech sector and for policymakers. Protecting privacy and fighting against data breaches, hacking, and spyware plays a crucial role in this context.

This high-level dinner will be an opportunity to explore the challenges posed by cybersecurity threats and how the EU’s existing regulatory frameworks and latest proposals have tried to address them. Against this background, Apple will shed light on how it has tried to keep bad actors away from its customers’ data and the challenges it has faced in doing so. Following brief opening remarks, I am looking forward to a moderated discussion with participants as leading policymakers, industry, and civil society representatives.

This dinner, hosted in partnership with Apple, is part of the Atlantic Council’s continued work on transatlantic digital issues. Through our Transatlantic Digital Marketplace Initiative (TDMI), established to foster greater US-EU cooperation on digital affairs, we have kept digital policy on the agenda of policymakers in Washington, DC, and Brussels with reports on US-EU digital policies and events with senior US and EU officials.

We hope you may join us for this dinner and discussion. To RSVP, please have your staff reach out to @AtlanticCouncil.org. If you require additional details on the dinner for transparency or disclosure purposes, we would be happy to provide that information upon request.

Sincerely,